

## Nixon Suspends Raids On North--Or Does He?

### Laird, Saigon Military Sources Differ

SAIGON (AP) — President Nixon has suspended U.S. air attacks on the Hanoi-Haiphong area to see if North Vietnam backs off from its general offensive in South Vietnam, U.S. military sources reported today.

The thrust of the American air war returned to the South, and U.S. pilots flew more than 1,000 strikes there Monday and today.

Following Sunday's heavy raids on targets around Hanoi and Haiphong, Nixon ordered all air action suspended above the 20th Parallel of latitude, 60 miles south of Hanoi, the Saigon sources said.

However, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said today in Washington there is "no substance" to the report of attacks being suspended north of the 20th Parallel. He said air strikes were continuing in North Vietnam, but did not specify how deep the raids were.

The Saigon informants said only a handful of strikes were flown Monday and today north of the demilitarized zone and all of these were below the 19th Parallel, 120 miles south of Hanoi.

"The President is deliberately holding off after Sunday's strikes in the Hanoi and Haiphong areas to see what North Vietnam is going to do," said one source. "But further bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong has not been ruled out. It depends on what North Vietnam does."

The sources said the raids on Hanoi and Haiphong were political in nature, intended as a warning to Hanoi to pull back its offensive in South Vietnam.

"When you knock a guy down," said one source, "you don't want to stomp on him. Nixon apparently wants to wait and see whether he is going to get up and continue to fight or walk away."

Military sources said there were no signs of any enemy withdrawals from the battlefields to which political significance could be attached. However, they said "enemy initiated" actions had been reduced in level since Sunday.

The South Vietnamese command meanwhile claimed that nearly 700 North Vietnamese troops were killed in battles on three fronts Monday with heavy U.S. air support.

Sources claimed that this fighting resulted from actions initiated by the South Vietnamese.

"The best I can say," said one source, "is that the South Vietnamese seem to be pushing the enemy back. The South Vietnamese are on the offensive. During the past 36 hours to 48 hours, it looks good, highly favorable for the South Vietnamese."

Senior U.S. field advisers said there are indications that

the North Vietnamese are preparing to withdraw in some sectors to regroup and resupply. However, they said, the North Vietnamese still have orders to attack some cities and towns, including Hue.

Officers reported earlier that

a new threat was developing north of Saigon, with elements of the North Vietnamese 7th Division trying to move down through War Zone C toward the key South Vietnamese base at Lai Khe, 30 miles north of the capital.

In the past, the North Vietnamese have conducted their offenses in phases, pausing to regroup and resupply, then coming back with new rounds of attacks. Thus, a withdrawal or decline in attacks does not necessarily mean that the

North Vietnamese are pulling back for good.

U.S. fighter-bombers flew 500 strikes against enemy positions in South Vietnam Monday and another 500 today, American military sources reported.

## Nixon's Viet Policy 'Right'

### Top Republican Leader Speaks In Cass

BY SANDRA ENGLE

Correspondent

CASSOPOLIS — Renewed bombings over North Vietnam are necessary to secure the safety of American troops still stationed there, according to House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford.

Speaking to Cass county Republicans at Diamond Harbor Inn last night, Ford also defended President Richard Nixon's anti-busing policy and offered his support to a national primary and the American farmer. About 300 attended the annual "Lincoln Day" dinner.

Ford, fifth district congressman from Grand Rapids, who lunched with President Nixon yesterday and who was to breakfast with him in a meeting this morning, says

American bombings in North Vietnam are "exactly the right thing."

"The north invaded the south across the DMZ in violation of the bombing halt agreement in 1968. This invasion must be responded to by air and sea power."

Ford told newsmen that the bombing was necessary for the safety of Americans and to protect those troops withdrawing. He said about 5,000 men were brought home last week.

The bombing episode won't affect Nixon in the November election, claims Ford, because "the military success of the South Vietnamese will prove the validity of Nixon's Vietnamization policy and will help with a negotiated settlement."

Voicing disapproval of forced busing to achieve racial balance, Ford instead called for Congress to approve President Nixon's compensatory education program where more money would be spent on better teachers and better schools.

He spoke out against those critics of the White House and the ITT affairs, saying "I never see stories on television or in the newspaper that the Democrats owe \$1,500,000 to AT&T for their telephone bill."

He added, "The White House believes Richard Kleindienst's nomination as Attorney General will be confirmed." Ford supported the idea of a national primary because he says the American public will be fed up with the repetition of one primary after another that is costly in time and money.

"They'll have a better opportunity to express themselves in one national primary than 25 to 30 individual ones."

Defending the American farmer, "who has been badly maligned in the food price controversy," Ford called for the middle man to do a better job of marketing to help the consumer. "Blaming the farmer for the huge food prices is unfair," Ford said.

Ford says he doesn't see any current issue that will still be

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MISS BLOSSOMTIME: Edwardsburg's first queen to win the royal title of Miss Blossomtime is 18-year-old Debbie Jean Knox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Knox. She plans to attend the University of Michigan and says she has not decided whether medicine or journalism will be her career choice. She was crowned Monday in a "Riverboat" setting at Benton Harbor high school where 27 other southwestern community queens competed for 1972 crown. (Staff photo by Harry Smith)

## Edwardsburg Girl Is Blossom Queen

BY ARYLS DERRICK  
Women's Editor

First Miss Edwardsburg to be picked Miss Blossomtime in the pageant's 40-year history, Debbie Jean Knox was crowned last night by her predecessor, Kathy Reitz who achieved that same honor for

Baroda last year.

The number 13 proved lucky for Debbie too as she wore that number in a field of 28 contestants for the pageant which was staged with a "Riverboat" theme in Benton Harbor high school.

Named first runner-up was Terry Lee Zinkil, 17, Miss

Stevensville. Second runner-up was Christine Rohm, 18, Miss St. Joseph.

Debbie, 18, a senior at Edwardsburg high school, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Knox, Route 3, Box 219, Edwardsburg. The new queen's father is a physician and surgeon and her mother is a registered nurse. She has a brother, 15, and a sister, 9.

Miss Blossomtime plans to attend the University of Michigan and is undecided whether to study medicine or journalism. She is a member of the National Honor Society and German club, has been a cheerleader for four years, and is vice president of the senior class. She likes snow and water skiing, riding the family all-terrain vehicle, and writing.

Debbie is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 120, and has blonde hair and hazel eyes.

Miss Zinkil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Zinkil, 2727 Lake Bluff Terrace, St. Joseph, is a senior at Lakeshore high school where she is an honor student. She plans to attend DePauw university to study music. She trains and shows

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## Queens' Fashions

It was like a rainbow of spring colors Monday night at Benton Harbor high school as lovely girls from around southwestern Michigan promenaded in gowns of many hues and designs in their quest for the Blossom Queen title.

See picture on page 10 of runnersup Christine Rohm of St. Joseph (second) and Terry Zinkil of Stevensville (first). Also on that page is article describing this year's fashions in gowns chosen by the queen hopefuls.

## Guidance System Problem Overcome

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronaut Thomas K. Mattingly II, with help from Mission Control, quickly over-

came a guidance system problem that temporarily locked the Apollo 16 command ship in one position today. The spacemen hurtled on, meanwhile toward a Wednesday rendezvous with the moon.

Officials said the source of the problem was a mystery. They were not certain whether it would recur and experts

studied data to learn the exact cause.

As Mattingly was taking star sightings on the planet Jupiter to align the spaceship, a red warning light flashed in the cabin.

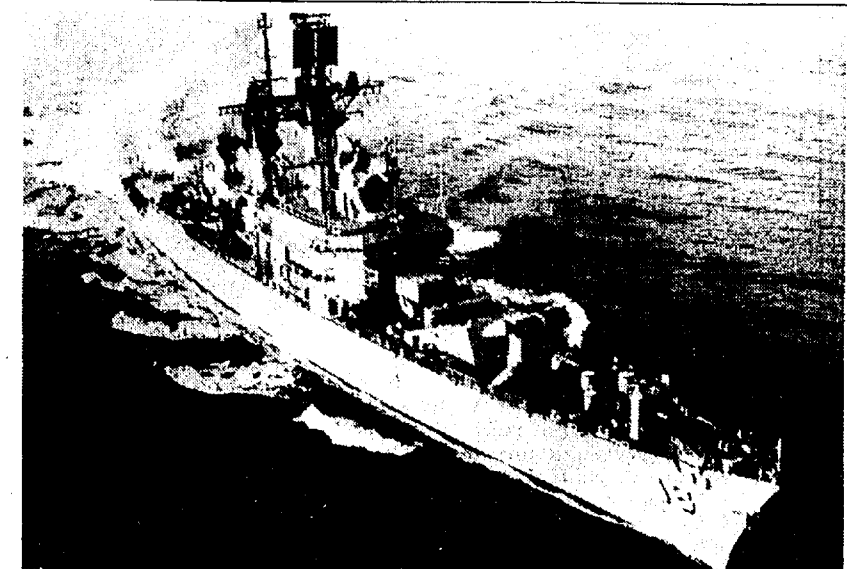
Something had happened to the guidance and navigation system, preventing the spaceship from moving left or right.

"I don't know what happened," Mattingly, the command module pilot, radioed. "I was down looking at the optics

and all of a sudden I just saw a warning light and I got no attitude (position) and a gimbal lock light ... It looks like the platform might be frozen."

He referred to the inertial guidance system platform.

There was no danger to the astronauts. The command ship has a backup guidance system that would get them home if the primary system failed. If there were a primary failure, the moon landing would be canceled.



U.S. DESTROYER ATTACKED: The USS Worden, above a missile frigate, was attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin Sunday, Pentagon sources reported Monday. The sources said the vessel was hit by one round, apparently fired from a high-speed North Vietnamese patrol boat, damaging the Worden's superstructure. One American crewman was reported killed and several others wounded in the attack. (AP Wirephoto)

## He's Old Enough To Know Better

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — Carl Martin of Oshkosh, Wis., likes to ride his bike.

But the times he picks for his rides and the places he goes are giving his relatives and the police some anxious moments.

Martin is 81 years old.

At 3:30 p.m. Sunday, a relative called the police and listed Martin as missing. After a 12-hour search, deputies found Martin and his bike stuck in the mud in Appleton, 20 miles away.

He has been reported missing two other times. Once he rode 35 miles to Eureka and another time 40 miles to New London.

Police say Martin's relatives have asked them to take his bike away, but they can't legally do it.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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## Double Standard On Viet Nam

Ambivalent attitudes toward war are not confined to a single country nor a particular generation.

It is only that Viet Nam is a very pressing thing in our time that it appears to be a summit in contradictions.

A century and a quarter ago, American opinion divided sharply over the American invasion of Mexico. It was roundly condemned in the North as a White House exercise to acquire more territory to be carved up into slaveholding states. This sentiment failed to coalesce against the Administration then in power because quick action from primarily the regular Army and Navy bought a substantial victory at little cost in money and casualties.

The Civil War a generation later was not the cohesive sectional division still painted in some history books. Many Northerners held to a good riddance attitude on the secession movement. In the South there was a bitter underlying sentiment about the conflict being a rich man's war and a poor man's fight. Not until Gettysburg and Vicksburg had transpired did those feelings yield to a more unified position on each side of the battle lines.

Our entries into World War I and II were preceded by mixed emotions.

Woodrow Wilson won re-election in 1916 almost completely under the slogan, "He kept us out of war." It required Pearl Harbor to cancel the strong isolationist sentiment in mid America against a World War II involvement.

Truman enjoyed an uneasy support at best for the Korean War. It was popular when MacArthur was pounding the North Koreans to pieces and something else when the Red Chinese re-established a military balance.

Viet Nam differs from those earlier experiences in two respects.

It offers slight prospect for anything approaching a final settlement which those precedents did establish.

And it finds more people in high places arguing black is white, up is down, or thin is fat than has been uttered since the landing at Plymouth Rock.

Senator J. William Fulbright, just about every Democratic aspirant for the Presidency except George Wallace, and a good many Republicans such as Senator Percy condemn the renewed bombing in North Vietnam as re-escalating the war.

The bombing is to interdict the supply lines for the current North Vietnamese ground offensive and to stimulate, if possible, a sincere bargaining under resumed peace talks in Paris.

Fulbright says the U.S. is to blame for the renewed ground offensive by the Reds. It is their proper reaction, he maintains, to our delegation breaking off the negotiations. The Senate's Foreign Relations Committee chairman carefully dodges any questions as to the exasperations leading to the break away.

The officeholders are not the only ones to promote the double standard. Some of the worst offenders are in the news media.

Anthony Lewis, a New York Times correspondent, calls the Nixon-Kissinger formula for peace and stability in Indo-China one of perpetual war and prolonged involvement. The bombing, he writes, is a long range killing of Indo-Chinese. Not a word is written about the close fire killing from North Vietnamese ground forces.

The public some time ago tuned out Viet Nam as a bad guess which should be liquidated under the best terms available, or even at no terms at all except the return of our POWs.

Hopefully, this may mean that double talk from those who know better will go unnoticed.

## Spring Can Be Zany Anywhere

"Oh, to be in England, now that April's there." The daffodils are out early and there's a touch of madness in the air. It's not just those Loch Ness monsters which were discovered on April Fool's Day. George Barker, a zoologist, writes in a booklet on wildlife conservation that, "Churches should be allowed to remain a sanctuary for bats and churchyards a refuge for the living wildlife as well as a resting place for the dead."

The Manchester Guardian reports that a judge in Dorchester bound over three anti-blood sports demonstrators for a year to keep the peace. The plaintiff, a huntmaster, claimed that his hounds suffered because as they chased a fox they were sprayed by the demonstrators. Christopher Gibbons, one of those reprimanded, claimed that he was whipped and then thrown over a hedge by the hunt party.

Private Eye magazine reports that there are 200 applicants for the editorship of the New Statesman following the ouster of its editor, Richard Crossman. One of the requirements of the new editor of this

left wing weekly apparently is a willingness to say "Yes, Milord" to the chairman of the board. At the Race Relations Institute, matters are hardly any better. Race Today, the Institute's journal, has been closed down because of internal disputes.

In quiet Stratford-on-Avon, which commemorates Shakespeare's death on April 23, the new Hilton-on-Avon is nearing completion. The hotel will have 261 fully air conditioned rooms for American tourists. In anticipation of next fall's election, visitors to Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London have voted Richard Nixon the third "most feared" historical personality, after Hitler and Mao Tse Tung. Jack the Ripper won fourth place.

This is the spring that women Methodist ministers are to be ordained for the first time and that two Scotland Yard detectives, the cream of the incorruptibles, have been sentenced to six-year jail terms for bribery. Even the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is up in arms: 68 dog skins on April 6 were found scattered along the main London to Manchester Railway line. Meantime, the London Times reported that a South African intends to rear dogs for their pelts and meat to be exported to the U.K.

After such a lode of springtime folly, who has time to care about such crises as violence in Ulster, the deadlock over Rhodesia, the problems of mass unemployment, or cabinet reshuffles? The sensible British eccentric is concerned about the performance of Macbeth by Zulu warriors. Englishmen have been waiting in line up to eight hours to inspect the treasures of Egypt's King Tutankhamen now on display for the first time at the British Museum. The BBC has also been running a historical series on the British Empire. Quite sensibly the BBC omitted any reference to the 13 American colonies.

Environmental politics is also becoming a preoccupation. A Cambridge don, Dr. Alan Burgess, recently testified at an inquiry on a proposed six-lane motorway skirting that historic city. He said that such a road would be as horrendous as if 19th century rail magnates had laid their track over the riverside meadows and had scheduled the Flying Scotsman to hurtle down the famous "Backs" of the colleges.

If the motorway planners keep it up, they'll cast in doubt the motto, "There'll always be an England..." But what with Britain entering the Common Market the patriots say it will never be the same as it was anyway.

## The Test---How Well Grounded?



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### FIRST BARODA GIRL CHOSEN BLOSSOM QUEEN

(— 1 Year Ago —)

Katherine Reitz reigns today as Miss Blossomtime of 1971 — the first Miss Baroda to win the honored crown in the pageant's 39 year history.

She won the title from a field of 27 other community queens in the contest held last night at Benton Harbor high school.

Ironically, Baroda didn't have a queen contest last year due to insufficient number of girls trying out for the contest. Kathy said, "I entered this year's contest to help my

community become a member of Blossomtime again.

### TAX REBATES SET FOR ST. JOE TWP.

(— 10 Years Ago —)

Seven St. Joseph township residents will receive tax rebates totaling \$296.77 within the next five or six days, announced Orval Benson, township supervisor, at last night's meeting.

The action follows a study of the 1962 tax assessment roll by the Board of Review. Larry Larson, finance committee chairman, made a motion

authorizing payment of the rebates; it was supported by Gale Smith.

### JAP CONVOY IS ROUTED

(— 29 Years Ago —)

Assignment of one of seven U. S. fleets to Australia prompted belief in Washington quarters today that strong reinforcements may be sent to bolster Gen. Douglas MacArthur's campaign against the Japanese, while on the Southwest Pacific front itself the remnants of a battered nine-ship enemy convoy fled to escape allied bombers off New Guinea.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox disclosed yesterday that the navy now has seven fleets operating against the axis, with one operating in the Australian area and another in the South Pacific.

### SELECT QUEEN

(— 38 Years Ago —)

Miss Marian Evans was last night selected as "Miss Berrien Springs" in the annual Blossom Queen race.

### GONE TO CHICAGO

(— 48 Years Ago —)

Miss Marie Butler of Niles avenue left yesterday for Chicago where she has accepted a position with Marshall Field and company.

### WILD HORSEMAN

(— 59 Years Ago —)

Chief Alden and his men were after a farmer who was charged with running his horse on Niles avenue Saturday evening. Although a close watch was kept, the fast driver could not be apprehended in the south part of the city.

### RUNAWAY HORSE

(— 79 Years Ago —)

While Mrs. Will Evans and Mrs. Powell were driving on Lincoln avenue last night their horse became frightened and ran away, throwing the occupants out and bruising them quite badly.

## THE FAMILY LAWYER



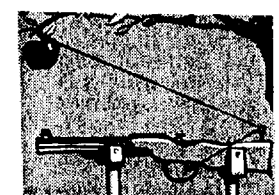
"NO TRESPASSING" signs, posted on Harper's farm, failed to discourage teenagers in the neighborhood from stealing his apples. Finally he set a booby trap in the form of a spring gun, cocked and ready to fire.

Sure enough, that very night a trespassing youth touched off the gun and received a bullet in the leg.

In due course, the victim filed suit against Harper for damages. At the trial, the latter insisted he had a right to use force to protect his property against intruders who were bent on mischief.

But the court held that the method he had chosen was too drastic, merely for the prevention of petty theft. The judge said deadly weapons could not be used when there was no personal danger to either the property owner or his family.

Generally speaking, a property owner cannot use greater force by means of a booby trap than he could use if



he were on the scene in person. Even vicious dogs, left at large, have been frowned upon as a kind of booby trap.

"A savage dog," observed one judge, "is a dangerous instrument."

Nonetheless, milder measures may be justified. Take this case:

A suburban home owner, tired of having trespassers tramping across his lawn, stretched a barbed wire fence from a corner of his house to a corner of the lot.

Not long afterward, a man was hurt trying to scale the fence. Suing for damages, he charged that such a fence was "meant to injure people."

But the court decided that the fence, with its barbs in plain sight, was meant simply to make trespassing more difficult — a perfectly legitimate purpose for a property owner.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:  
STICK TOGETHER

There is someone so true to me,  
The one I love and daily see.  
He is living across the way,  
We do some walking every day.

We look at trees and birds in flight,  
Enjoy the sunshine warm and bright.  
When we are tired, we take a rest,  
He always will be my very best.

He will ask questions, some are rare,  
He is always happy, has no care.  
He will tell me, I love you, too,  
And I know he means it really true.

He is a little fellow and very smart,  
He is deep rooted in my heart.  
He is my grandson, only five,  
I am his grandma, he is my life.

Ulrich Rosenhagen  
801 Port street  
St. Joseph

## BERRY'S WORLD



## Bruce Blossat

## Primaries Blur

## Democrat Picture



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Talking to political leaders across the nation, I discover that a good many think things were going pretty well in the 1972 Democratic presidential race until the people started voting in primaries and messing everything up.

Indeed, in their rage some politicians seem to stop just short of describing the primaries as some kind of plot against the party.

There are walls that the whole setup ought to be junked. In some states where the primary is a new device, talk of getting rid of it is bubbling up.

What's it all about?

The surface gripes are easy to lay out. There are too many primaries — 23 this time against 15 in 1968. They encourage too many candidates to be active, or at least show on the ballot. Some 10 state primaries roughly fit the description of "all-candidate" affairs wherein even the faintest contender appears.

But the moans go deeper than this. A lot of Democratic regulars are furious that a fellow like Gov. George Wallace of Alabama, who they say has no chance to be nominated, can run around to Florida, Wisconsin, Indiana, Maryland and Michigan to disrupt other candidates' plans.

Moreover, they see the system fostering a crazy kind of whipsawing in which first one candidate and then another is slashed up, until nobody looks good.

When you probe, you find that much of the resentment has to do with what the

primaries thus far have done to the regulars' clear favorite, Sen. Edmund Muskie. As late as January, many of these chaps were looking ahead to the preference tests as neat little Muskie ratification ceremonies which would yield a quick, orderly verdict and let the Democrats save money for the fall run against President Nixon.

It could be the regulars' resentment really is aimed at Muskie himself, and that the railing against primaries is a cover. One poll specialist says the angriest anti-Muskie voters today include many who were strongly for him earlier.

They're sore at him for falling, for letting them down. Some politicians may feel the same.

To give them something, the analysts' judgment this year is almost universal that the primaries so far have had little to do with picking a president. I've heard many politicians dub them "very un-presidential."

If they're not presidential, then what are they?

Well, the pulse-takers say American voters are using the primaries as great escape vents for their feelings of alienation, frustration, and general distrust of politics.

Wallace and Sen. George McGovern, seen by voters as the most "antigovernment" of this year's candidate crop, benefit most from the 1972 outpouring of protest against things as they are—high taxes, inflation, unemployment, urban crumbling, the welfare mess, etc.

## Jeffrey Hart

## Ed Kennedy Spoke Out



WASHINGTON (KFS) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy today rose in the Senate to denounce as an "outrage" the policy of the Churchill government "to let the slaughter proceed" in France. Incensed over "the escalation" and its consequences, Kennedy decried the "senseless killings."

(LILLE, May 15)—The surrounded French Fifth Division fought for survival this morning and the issue was the control of the northeastern approach to Paris. A major battle is in the offing. Yesterday thousands of German assault troops crossed the Marne in four places. Heavy artillery and rocket attacks overwhelmed French and British positions along the Belgian border. In the Ardennes, the German mechanized forces gained as much as ten miles a day in their initial thrusts. Radio Berlin proclaimed that France was "on the threshold of liberation" and propaganda minister Josef Goebbels praised "patriotic elements" within France for their efforts in behalf of liberation. The liberation of France, he said, would be a victory for progressive Frenchmen.

On the Senate floor, Senator Kennedy denounced the "corrupt regime" of Premier Paul Reynaud, and decried this "senseless slaughter."

He noted that "the lives of men, women and children would be lost." He was especially eloquent in his denunciation of the RAF, whose air strikes in support of the French were, he said, "wholly immoral and unjustifiable." He accused the "Churchill regime" of considering the "political life of the Reynaud government" more important than "the deaths of thousands of French and German soldiers and civilians. I do not believe it is," he said.

(Near Strasbourg, French units awaited new panzer and rocket onslaughts. German sapper units were sighted near the strong points west of Verdun. Tank units reportedly had cut the road to Colais, but this was denied by French

GHQ, which has moved south from Paris to Rheims. Unprecedentedly strong rocket and anti-aircraft fire severely hampered RAF operations. Cloud cover in Normandy and near the Channel also made air strikes difficult. The Nazis, after occupying Lille, officially proclaimed it the capital of National Socialist People's Republic of France. Pierre Laval was named as first president of the National Socialist People's Republic.)

On the Senate floor, Mr. Kennedy took note of the willingness of the Berlin government to negotiate. He recalled the German proposal for a "coalition government" in Paris, and he felt that this avenue should be explored. Berlin, he said, is not the roadblock on the long march to peace. He praised the German willingness to negotiate, as at Munich, and he cited 36 references to "peace" in recent speeches by Mr. Hitler himself. The resolution of peace in France, Senator Kennedy concluded emotionally, can come only through a negotiated settlement with the German government in Berlin. Let us, he said, pray for peace.

But the Muse of Satire has her limits, and irony at last must give way to the direct statement of truth.

Senator Kennedy is the most dangerous demagogue to have appeared in American politics since Senator Huey Long. He is also the most pitiless. And his real capacity for danger is not diminished by the fact that he is morally and intellectually frivolous.

## Gannett Says Profits Rising

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The Gannett Co., Inc., reported Monday a 27 per cent increase in operating earnings and earnings per share before goodwill amortization for the first quarter, ended March 26.

The Rochester-based national communications group owns 52 daily newspapers in 15 states and on the island of Guam.

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## Embattled Builder Has Multi-Million Plan

# Office Building For SJ Riverfront?

Embattled builder Bill Bloom shifted gears last night in the wake of citizen protest against his proposed Langley avenue apartment complex and told the St. Joseph city commission he wants to build a 15-story, multi-million-dollar office building on the Wallace lumber yard property.

The commission voted unanimously on motion of Commissioners C. A. Tobias and Warren Gast to grant Bloom 30 days in which to submit preliminary plans for the office building. The site is a 600-foot strip of choice but controversial St. Joseph riverfront cleared via urban

renewal of a collection of sagging lumber storage sheds. Three proposals before the commission for use of the land demonstrate the tug of war going on over its future. A group of four Twin City businessmen proposed a cafe-bar and yacht dock. Their plan was given conditional approval

on March 28 but was rescinded only a week later, on April 4, after a wave of public protest hit the commission.

At last week's meeting, St. Joseph Improvement Association president John Stubblefield told the commission that the Association would purchase the property and deed it back to the city to be used as a park in perpetuity. In his proposal to build the office building, Bloom said it was his own personal feeling that St. Joseph "has enough parks now and I think the city would be better off by selling the property for use as a good tax base."

Bloom added that "a park in that area would just add a burden to the city in upkeep and give fishermen and others another place to throw their beer cans."

City Manager Leland Hill says urban renewal agreements with the federal government require the city to charge no more than \$23,000 for the Wallace land. The property's market value is probably several times that. Urban renewal construction of a seawall to protect it exceeded \$100,000 easily.

In his effort to erect a 40-unit apartment complex on the so-called Larson property off Langley avenue, Bloom has already received conditional approval from the city commission. At least 80 residents of the area voiced their objections to the apartment project last night and presented the commission with a protest petition signed by 360 people residing in the neighborhood.

The petition formally asked the commission to rescind its approval of the apartment project. But commissioners took no action. Commissioner Gast noted there will be at least 30 days before final construction plans come up for approval, suggesting that in the meantime "we let nature take its course."

The protest group was led by Mrs. James L. Pittman, 1301 Lewis. She and a group of some 60 protesters appeared before the St. Joseph Planning Commission on April 14 when Bloom submitted plans to change construction to seven 12-unit apartments. His request was turned down by the planners.

"A majority of the residents in the area are very opposed to a high-density apartment complex at 1600 Langley," said Mrs. Pittman.

"We feel that such an apartment complex would cause devaluation to our property and create a traffic problem in the area," she added.

Mrs. Schwarz also spoke of the fear of loss of property value and said that the feeling of property owners that the added taxes collected by the city would not make up for the loss of value suffered by property owners.

Other objections voiced by the group included a fear that a 40-unit apartment complex in the area might overcrowd schools and increase taxes. It was also pointed out that a complex of this size would produce an additional 80 to 100

cars on Langley avenue each morning during the rush hour and be a hazard to children walking to school in the area.

What amounted to a cross-examination by Bloom of Mrs. Pittman concerning some of the objections raised was cut short by Mayor Franklin Smith who told Bloom that he should address his comments to the

commissioners.

In other action last night, new summer working hours for St. Joseph Public Works employees were granted on a 30-day trial basis.

The employees requested that they be allowed to start work at 7 a.m. and quit at 3:30 p.m. with a half-hour lunch period. The commission, on the

recommendation of City Manager Leland Hill, approved the trial period and said they would extend the new hours if they "work out."

The new hours will go into effect on May 1.

Second readings were given to amendments to ordinances to permit police to regulate traffic on Memorial Hospital

grounds and to the ordinance lowering the age for consumption of alcoholic beverages to 18.

Departmental reports submitted to the commission showed that in 35 skating days at the Whittlesey Park skating rink, a total of \$2,736.75 in fees were collected from non-St. Joseph residents.

## BH Drive Will Aid Angela Davis

### Commissioners Approve Fund Solicitation

While adopting a \$3.6 million operating budget in a wink, the Benton Harbor city commission held lengthy discussions last night on a host of matters, including a citizen campaign for defense of Angela Davis.

The budget for fiscal 1972-73 was presented at a public hearing in the nearly filled commission chambers, but not a word was voiced about it. The commission, therefore, unanimously approved the ordinance approving the budget.

City Manager Don Stewart presented details of the budget on March 13. More than half of the \$3.6 million is for public safety—\$800,000 for police and \$515,000 for fire protection. The charter calls for a new budget to be adopted by the first commission session in May.

Angela Davis now is on trial

## Cyclist Hurt In Collision

A 19-year-old Benton township man was injured yesterday at 3:30 p.m. when a car struck the motorcycle he was riding at Napier avenue and Pipestone street.

Benton Harbor State police said Thomas O. Dyer, of 2265 Territorial road, declined medical treatment for lacerations sustained in the accident. Troopers said the car that struck him was driven by Anolia F. Reed, 63, of Route 1, Box 143, Townline road, Benton township.

Mrs. Reed told troopers that she ran through a stop sign when rugs she had on the passenger seat slid across the seat and lodged against the accelerator pedal, causing the car to speed up. She was ticketed by police for carrying an unsafe load.

in California for conspiracy in the murder of a Marin county superior court judge, led at gunpoint from his courtroom and killed by a shotgun blast. Her acquittal has become a prime goal among varied civil rights groups throughout the nation.

Miss Robin L. Harper of Box 59 North Shore drive, Benton township, is chairman of the Berrien county unit of the national committee for the Angela Davis defense fund.

Miss Harper, through her group of some 20 volunteers, asked the commission to solicit businessmen for funds, get petitions signed for moral support "for justice in this trial," to circulate leaflets on the streets, and sell Angela Davis buttons and posters, within the city limits.

After much discussion, the commission voted six to two to permit these activities for one week. The week is not to interfere with previously approved street sale efforts. Miss Harper said she would have to meet with her group to determine a week for the project.

Against the project were Commissioners F. Joseph Flaugh and Edward Merrill.



ROBIN HARPER  
Wants Angela Freed

Approving were Commissioners Daniel Chapman, Virgil May, Carl Brown, Edmund Eaman, Otis Joseph, and Mayor Charles F. Joseph. Commissioner Charles Yarbrough was absent.

Miss Harper, who said she is a resident of the Twin Cities who has attended the University of Iowa and hopes to return to college in the future, wanted the project to run in Benton Harbor until the trial ended.

Most commissioners verbally disapproved of this, on (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## Puppets To Perform In Fairplain

Fifth graders at Fairplain Northeast elementary school will present three puppet shows of "Pinocchio" in the school's gymnasium this week.

The performances, which are open to the public, will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

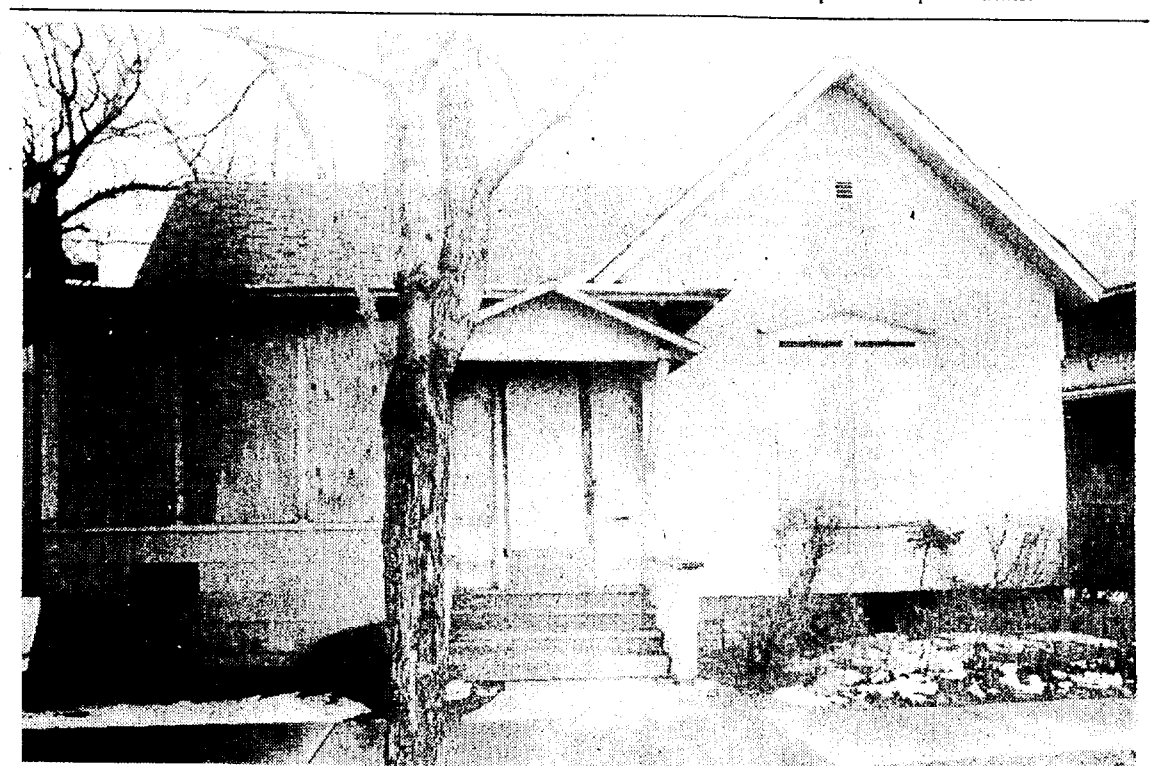
## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

### Local Woman Gets Card From President

Mrs. Velma Callis couldn't have had a birthday greeting from a higher placed person. It came all the way from the White House. Mrs. Callis was congratulated on her 81st birthday and wished many more by a card from Richard M. Nixon.

The idea originated with Mrs. Ruth Sherrod, Mrs. Callis daughter, of 2196 Irving drive, Benton Heights. Mrs. Callis lives with her daughter who thought "what better way to wish her a happy birthday."

The only hitch was that the greeting arrived on Monday while Mrs. Callis' birthday was Saturday. "But it means just as much," explained Mrs. Sherrod who said she notified the president of her mother's upcoming birthday just after he left for Peking in February.



SHUTTERED: House overlooking downtown Benton Harbor at 238 Ohio street has been boarded up for

months. Other examples can be found in the city is described as having a housing shortage.

# BH Landlords Seek To End Housing Woes

## Government Subsidized Programs Seen As Part Of City's Problem

Benton Harbor landlords —

distressed over deterioration and a depressed supply of housing in the midst of apparent demand — will meet tomorrow night to attempt to get something going to stem the tide against private property.

The landlords are trying a private approach after a plethora of public programs and government-subsidized ventures have been operating for years.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the Downtown cafeteria, Wall street. It is not a dinner meeting — strictly business, according to Rex Sheeley, a residential and commercial property owner, who is co-chairman along with Ernest Huckaba, another property

owner.

All persons who own rental residential or commercial property in the city are invited to attend.

Sheeley said that investors are steering away from the Benton Harbor real estate market because many of them considered it poor business to compete with government subsidized housing, comply with numerous inspection orders, repair damaged structures and fight a legal battle to evict tenants who don't pay rent.

Sheeley noted vacant, boarded up houses throughout the city and estimated that within two years "20 to 25 percent" of the housing could be in such a state.

A reporter and photographer

within an hour counted 14 boarded up houses in the city recently.

This newspaper asked Federal Housing Administration officials if the boarded up houses had been repossessed by FHA for default of mortgages.

Jack O'Brien, management agent for FHA in Benton Harbor, and Clair Brooks, of FHA's Grand Rapids office, said FHA generally takes the boards off windows when it acquires possession of a house where the government-insured mortgage is in default.

The only exceptions are where there has been prior damage and the house would be open to the elements.

Those that are boarded up are in possession of a mortgage

company, which may turn them over to FHA, or simply closed up by the owner who moved away or doesn't want to rent the property.

O'Brien said FHA currently has 25-28 houses in possession in the Benton Harbor area of which seven are on the market for sale.

Bids for repairs on repossessed houses are sought almost immediately after they come into FHA possession, he explained.

**BLOCK BEER**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department Monday announced filing of a federal court suit in Detroit aimed at blocking acquisition of three breweries by G. Heileman Brewing Co., La Crosse, Wis.

## Planners To Review Sketches Tonight

# St. Joe Township Bar Proposed

Plans to build a Gay 90's night club on Niles road were sent to the St. Joseph Township Planning commission which meets tonight for a review and recommendation.

Don Anderson of Benton Harbor, owner of the Downtown, showed sketches and blueprints of the proposed bar and restaurant to be called "The Red Derby" to the St. Joseph Township board last night. He was advised that

before the township could act the planning commission would have to look over the project and send a recommendation to the township board.

Anderson wants a Class C liquor license which automatically means he will have to file for a special use permit. Royce Leary of Pearson Engineering, Benton Harbor, said the project was in the \$100,000-\$150,000 class, that it included an 80 by 50-foot

building and would be located on the Geisler property which is a triangle-shaped plot a little more than an acre across from Riverview cemetery.

St. Joseph township has only one liquor license at present, Chickhaven, but Supervisor Orval L. Benson said there is one other application pending. That is by Atty. Richard Insley, who has asked for a liquor license to serve beer in a Pizza Hut he proposes to build on

Niles road near Hilltop.

The township board in a busy session last night set a hearing for 8 p.m., May 1 on the sanitary sewer rate ordinance, tentatively adopted last night, and another hearing for 8:30 p.m., May 1 on an amendment to the building code which requires a 20 by 20 foot garage with every new house.

The board approved a building permit for Seventh-day Adventist church, Colfax

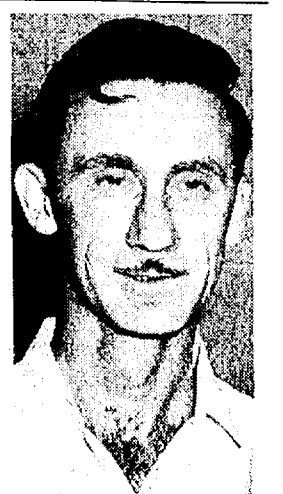
avenue, to erect a \$35,000, 80 by 43-foot all-purpose building.

Purchase of three new voting machines for \$2,122 each was voted after Clerk Bill Payne Smith said it's virtually certain the township will have to add two more precincts, making a total of seven, by the August primary. Trustee Robert DeVries voted the lone "no" because he wanted the township to investigate computer voting.

Benson said the committee named to work out differences with Lincoln township over operation of the water and sewer authority had narrowed a dispute down to three issues and promised a final report May 1. An annual meeting of the township board with Berrien County Road Commissioners is April 25. Benson fired off a notice to the county board of public works requiring permission from the township

for every tree disturbed.

Township police were authorized to use motor cycles if necessary to catch cyclists using the old railroad right-of-way. The board set April 29 and May 13 as cleanup days and residents can take refuse to Northwest Berrien Sanitation landfill free. Benson named Trustees Edwin Brink, DeVries and Smith to bring in recommendations on Napier avenue lighting by May 1.



DON ANDERSON  
Wants Bar License

## Added Bulk For Blossom Festival

### Coach Abe Gibron Will Ride In Parade

Blossomtime's Grand Floral Parade took on added bulk today with the announcement that Abe Gibron, new head coach of the Chicago Bears, will be among personalities in the parade Saturday, May 6.

For those who have watched the Chicago Bears the past six years, the behemoth Gibron is a familiar sight on the sidelines. Next season, he'll be in the top spot, moving up from assistant

coach to the head job after George Halas fired Jim Dooley. Mike Smith, parade chairman, said: "We feel that Coach Gibron is a nationally prominent figure, and Blossomtime is very proud to have him participate in our grand festival. After the parade, Gibron will be an honored guest at the Grand Floral Ball in Shadowland Ballroom, Silver Beach. Gibron played collegiate football for Valparaiso and Pur-

due. He started his pro career with the Buffalo Bills in 1949 in the old All-America conference, then moved to the Cleveland Browns where he was an outstanding lineman for six seasons. After two seasons each with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Bears, Abe became an assistant coach with the Washington Redskins, and in 1965, went to the Bears as an assistant.



**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING:** The Rev. Henry Peter (center foreground), chairman of board of regents, turns first shovel of earth for start of new Michigan Lutheran high school at groundbreaking ceremonies Monday. Site is on Marquette Woods road, Royalton township. Classroom wing is expected to be ready for use in

September. Building committee members who participated in ceremony are in front row, from left: Jim Guse, Edward Sempert, Principal Elmer Dobberstein, R.G. Rogien, Robert Gruetzmacher, Ronald Pape, and Student Representative Mark Freier.

## Budget Up 4.9 Per Cent

### Buchanan Sets Date For Tax Vote

**BUCHANAN** — A preliminary 1972-73 budget in the amount of \$2,093,380 and the date for an operational millage election were approved last night by Buchanan school board, meeting at Indian Hills school.

The operational millage proposal was slated to appear

on the regular June 12 ballot, along with two board offices slated to be filled this year. Amount of the levy is to be set at the May meeting. A 16.35 mill levy expired with the last tax collection.

The budget is to be submitted to the county tax allocation board as required by law. It

represents a 4.9 per cent increase over last year's budget of \$1,993,800.

Supt. Richard Dougherty said the budget can only be tentative at this time because income will not be known until the fall.

The district's final 1972-73 budget budget will be con-

sidered in August.

In addition to a request for operating millage, district voters will fill two four-year seats on the school board in the annual June 12 election. The terms of board president David Hanson and Gordon (Bucky) Schneider expire.

Last day to register for the election is Friday, May 12, at 5 p.m.

Nominating petitions are available at the high school office and must be filed by 4 p.m. May 15.

In other action, the board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Emma Leiter, first grade at Ottawa, and Mrs. Erna Huitema, second grade at Ottawa elementary school. Mrs. Leiter is retiring after teaching in Buchanan schools 10 years and several years in area schools. Mrs. Huitema is leaving the system after two years, for family reasons.

No violations were listed in the accreditation report from North Central association, presented by Dougherty. He said the accrediting team expressed concern over the physical condition of the high school and the overcrowding. Buchanan has been accredited by North Central continuously since 1924.

Hanson appointed Dr. Richard Beistle and Frederick Stout to the board's negotiating team with Buchanan Education association, along with Dougherty. Board member

## Toll Begins May 17

**DETROIT (AP)** — Toll fares for cars going through the Detroit-Canada tunnel will go up or down next May 17, depending on the number of passengers.

The new fare will be 75 cents for driver and car plus any number of additional passengers, compared with the present rate of 60 cents for car and driver plus 10 cents for each passenger.

## Hearing Scheduled On Remap

### Berrien's Plan In Appeals Court

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ordered the Berrien County Apportionment commission to show cause why its apportionment plan should not be ruled invalid.

The court's order entered April 12 is in response to a petition filed by a group of Berrien Democrats for judicial review of the apportionment commission's decision to cut the Berrien county board of commissioners from 21 to 15 members.

An appeal of the reapportionment plan was filed last month by five Democrats who submitted three alternative plans — two calling for a board of 21 and one for 17.

The plan the Democrats are trying to overturn was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote of the apportionment commission with County Democratic Chairman James Keller, the lone dissenter.

The Court of Appeals instructs the county reapportionment commission to provide justification for all population variances, a complete set of census figures, a complete set of commission minutes along with the adopted plan and other plans submitted.

## Watervliet Horse Show Is Sunday

The Hy-Hopes 4-H club of Watervliet will hold an open horse show, Sunday, starting a 9 a.m. at Tacy's Saddle Shop, M-140, south of Watervliet. Gerald Geil of Union will be the judge. The show will be held rain or shine.

## ADC Fathers Ordered To Pay

Two dads were ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to pay off arrearages for children on welfare.

Paul Hersey of Elgin, Ill., was found in contempt by Judge Julian Hughes for a \$982 arrearage for one Berrien child on Aid to Dependent Children grants. Hersey was placed on two years of probation, ordered

to pay \$17 weekly support and \$8 weekly on arrears, according to George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court.

Ralph H. Yarbrough of Tremont, Ill., was ordered to pay \$10 weekly support for one Berrien child on ADC and also to make up \$460 arrears forthwith, Westfield reported.



ABE GIBRON  
A Bear in the Blossoms

## New Buffalo Voters Okay 3-Mill Levy

**NEW BUFFALO** — Renewal of a three-mill school property tax levy was approved by New Buffalo school district voters yesterday in a special election here, 398 to 300.

Election workers for the district said 706 voters out of an estimated 2,500 registered voters in the district turned out for the balloting. Eight ballots were spoiled, they said. The levy will produce about \$90,000 a year toward the district's \$1.1 million budget.

The election was the first of four slated to be held in districts within southwestern Michigan this week.

Two of the other districts, Galien and River Valley in Berrien county, are voting today. The fourth district, Edwardsburg, votes on its issue Thursday.

Galien seeks renewal of a 17-mill levy for two years. It produces about \$153,000 a year toward the district's \$718,273 million operating budget.

In River Valley, passage of a five-mill levy for one year is being sought to finance reinstatement of programs dropped last year when two earlier issues were defeated to meet other operational costs. The levy would produce \$212,500 toward an annual operating budget of about \$1.8 million.

Edwardsburg voters are to ballot on a 15.9 mill renewal in the election there Thursday. The levy is to raise \$485,000 of a \$1.8 million operating budget.

New Buffalo School Board President Keith Swem said, following tabulation of the New Buffalo results, "I feel greatly relieved that the millage passed and I appreciate all the support in letting the vote out by local organizations and for the support of the public."

The school board, meeting in

special session last night, certified the election results and also approved a \$25 donation toward the annual post-prom party.

## Car Kills Otsego Boy, 10

### Second Fatality For Allegan In '72

**OTSEGO** — An Otsego youth, James MacDonald, 10, was struck and killed by an auto yesterday on M-118.

The young MacDonald is Allegan county's second traffic fatality of 1972.

Police reported that a car driven by Katherine Fay Giles, 54, of Holland, was traveling east on M-118 when the boy ran in front of the car and was struck.

Witnesses told police that the Holland woman was driving at normal speed and that she tried unsuccessfully to avoid the boy.

MacDonald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacDonald, was pronounced dead upon arrival at Pipp Community hospital, Plainwell, from internal injuries.

The accident occurred in front of Watson Corner store, which is operated by Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald.

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Auto Deaths in Allegan County In 1972

## Church Council Opposes State Gambling Proposal

The Berrien county Council of Churches has gone on record against the proposed legalization of gambling in Michigan, which is slated for a statewide referendum vote in the May 16 presidential primary.

The council went on record against the proposal at a meeting in Buchanan

because it feels gambling exploits people's weakness, council Director Rev. Arnie Bolin said yesterday. About 50 persons were present for the session.

Rev. Bolin said other considerations included the cost of administering controls on gambling, less than

expected receipts in other states, and indications that the purchase of state lottery tickets in New York goes up the day welfare checks are issued.

Other church groups around the state have voiced opposition to the gambling proposal.

## Local Drug Hearing Is Open To Public

Nearly 20 persons so far have signed up to present views tomorrow during an all-day public hearing, to be conducted by the governor's office on drug abuse and alcoholism, at the Forum room, Memorial hospital, St. Joseph.

Lawrence Tice, director of the Berrien county Drug Treatment Center, Inc., urged more citizens to sign up at the Riverwood Mental Health Center at the hospital. Tice reminded that the hearing will be thrown open for public discussion between 6 and 9 p.m. Members of the governor's

advisory commission on drug abuse and alcoholism, headed by Patrick Babcock, will preside over the hearing, to start at 9 a.m.

The hearing is one of 10 over the state, aimed at finding ways to eliminate drug and alcohol problems through a two-year plan. The plan presumably will evolve from the hearings.

During most of the day, viewpoints heard will come from heads of police agencies and others holding key government jobs.

Tice said he will speak at the

start of the hearing and will be followed in the morning by Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor and Benton Harbor Police Chief William McClaran. Stewart Boss, director of Riverwood Mental Health center, is to be among the afternoon speakers, according to Tice.

The commission, appointed by the governor, scheduled similar public hearings in Kalamazoo, Detroit, Lansing, Flint, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Gaylord, and two Upper Peninsula communities, besides the Twin Cities session.

## Would-Be Anti-Poverty Council Has Public Hearing Wednesday

The question of whether the federal government should designate an organization called Community Action for the People, Inc., as a community agency to deal mainly with problems of the poor will be raised at a public hearing set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Benton Harbor public library.

Notice of the hearing appeared earlier in this newspaper as a legal notice. It was learned that the community action organization is calling the hearing, to conform with guidelines set by the Office of Economic Opportunity, which sanctions such programs and disburses funds.

Representatives of the organization appeared before Benton Harbor city commission April 3, and said generally that their program would be similar to the now defunct Tri-CAP anti poverty program. However, it would serve only in Berrien county, while Tri-CAP operated in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

The commission approved a resolution of intent, favoring

the concept.

The Rev. Eugene Wallace of Benton Harbor served as spokesman for the organization and was joined by Mrs. Anna Thompson of Benton township, treasurer. The Rev. Wallace said Mrs. Katherine Turner is board chairman.

Specific details were not outlined, but presumably will be at Wednesday's hearing. Officers were not immediately available for comment, but it was learned that the hearing has been called by the organization.

Ladd Stacey, chairman of the Berrien board of commissioners, said he was contacted about a community action program about two weeks ago by the Rev. Wallace. Stacey said the matter was referred to the commission's social services committee. Mrs. Jacqueline Zerlaut, a commission member of the social services committee, said she knew about the hearing, but would have to attend herself to learn further details.